

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING  
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 19 JANUARY 1994

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0937-1-01 (ACCNO 0334)

Name: NAME

Status: (Z) DEAD BODY NOT RECOVERED  
Date Status assigned: 25 May 1973

Nationality AMERICAN | Race CAUCASIAN

| Blood Chit \$

DATA

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

INCIDENT LOCATION (0)

LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)

Site Type: GROUND SITE  
UTM: 48PZA184721  
Lat/Long: 141212N / 1075701E  
Country: SOUTH VIETNAM  
Military Region: 2  
Mission Province: GIA LAI  
(formerly):  
Mission District: CHU PAH  
Mission Date: 10 Dec 1967  
Mission Category: 3  
Local Analysis: None.

48PYA570870  
142039N / 1072259E  
CAMBODIA  
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ROTANOKIRI

Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Folders Passed: Dec 92, Feb 92, Mar 88, Aug 87  
Investigations: Jan 93  
Vessey Case: FIVE  
Case type: DISCREPANCY

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: M151  
Crash Type: None  
Call Sign: \$  
Year: \$

Serial: \$  
Engine Type: #  
1 Serial: #  
2 Serial: \$

===== SPECIAL CHARACTER KEY =====

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

24 April 1987

ON 10 DECEMBER 1967, NAME A U.S. CITIZEN, WAS TRAVELING BY JEEP WHEN HE WAS CAPTURED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES ZA184721, APPROXIMATELY 100 METERS NORTH OF PLEI POK (1) ON A SECONDARY ROAD OF QL 14, GIA LAI CONG TUM, FORMERLY PLEIKU PROVINCE, VIETNAM. ONE OTHER AMERICAN RIDING IN THE JEEP WAS ABLE TO EVADE CAPTURE AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED THE INCIDENT. (REF 1)

24 February 1987

AFTER HIS CAPTURE, NAME WAS MOVED TO A PRISON CAMP IN THE VICINITY OF GRID COORDINATES YA570870, APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF VIENG DUONG, RATANAKIRI PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. A U.S. SOLDIER, UPON HIS RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY IN MARCH 1973, REPORTED THAT NAME DIED OF MALNUTRITION AND MALARIA ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1968. THE SOLDIER OBSERVED THE BODY BEING TAKEN OUT FOR BURIAL NEAR THE CAMP. NAME WAS LISTED AS DIED IN CAPTIVITY IN SEPTEMBER 1968 BY THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM. (REF 2 & 3)

23 December 1975

DURING THE EXISTENCE OF JCRC, THE HOSTILE THREAT IN THE AREA PRECLUDED ANY VISITS TO OR GROUND INSPECTIONS OF THE SITES INVOLVED IN THIS CASE. THIS INDIVIDUAL'S NAME AND IDENTIFYING DATA WERE TURNED OVER TO THE FOUR-PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WITH A REQUEST FOR ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE. NO RESPONSE WAS FORTHCOMING. NAME IS CURRENTLY CARRIED IN THE PRESUMPTIVE STATUS OF DEAD, BODY NOT RECOVERED.

=== SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ===

4 November 1993

MR. A VIEN, A FORMER SENIOR PAVN OFFICER, REPORTED THAT IN 1967 OR 1968 (PRIOR TO TET) HIS UNIT CAPTURED A CAUCASIAN AMERICAN IN YA KHUON VILLAGE (UNLOCATED) NEAR PLEKU. HE SAID THE AMERICAN AND THREE COMPANIONS HAD TRAVELLED TO THE VILLAGE IN A JEEP TO STEAL PIGS. BASED ON THE GENERAL TIME FRAME AND GENERAL LOCATION, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED CORRELATED WELL WITH THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH REFNO 0937. THE LIMITED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF THE CAPTURED AMERICAN RESEMBLED NAME (REF 8)

10 December 1993

NGUYEN PHOI RECALLED THE FOLLOWING: NAME (SOURCE PRONOUNCED DATA), PRIVATE FIRST CLASS; CAPTURED IN 1968; DIED IN 1969 FROM VIRULENT

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MALARIA. SOURCE CLAIMS ALL WITNESSES TO NAME DEATH ARE DECEASED. (REF 9)

=== REFERENCES ===

23 December 1975

REFERENCES: <1> RPT, CO B 504TH MP BN, 19 DEC 67. <2> RPT, 109TH MI GROUP DEBRIEFS, DTD 12 MAR 73 AND 5 APR 73. <3> LIST, DRV/PRG LIST OF DIC, JAN 73. <4> 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI. <5> 210607Z JAN 93. <6> CDR JTFFA/J2 230702Z SEP 93. <7> JTF-FA DET 2 FAX (831-93), 3 SEP 93. <8> CJTF-FA DET ONE, 101050Z SEP 93. <9> SRV ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEW - NAME, MSG, CDR JTF-FA, DTG: 211912Z JUN 93. <10> CJTFFA DET FOUR 170842Z DEC 93.

=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

9 February 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON NAME, WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 6-9 FEB 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

4 December 1987

A CASE NARRATIVE PERTAINING TO NAME WAS PASSED BY JCRC ON 4 AUG 87 TO THE SRV EMBASSY IN BANGKOK PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS REACHED BETWEEN GENERAL VESSEY AND SRV FOREIGN MINISTER NGUYEN CO THACH.

9 March 1992

CASE 0937 NARRATIVE WAS PASSED TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM DURING THE 26-28 FEB 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING. (REF 4)

17 December 1992

A CASE NARRATIVE ON CASE 0937 WAS PASSED TO THE VIETNAMESE DURING THE 10-11 DECEMBER 1992 TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

21 April 1976

BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF YA 570 890 FOR REFNO 0937-0-01 ENTERED BASED ON IR 2-216-0053-73, OCSOPA USINTC, DTD 27 APR 73 (HENRY DEBRIEF 0762-1-07).

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=== MAJOR COORDINATE CHANGE ===

6 August 1992

DIA AND JTF-FA AGREE ON INCIDENT LOCATION AND LAST KNOWN LOCATION; HOWEVER, FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES, THE JTF-FA CARRIES NAME IN CAMBODIA. BASED ON HISTORICAL PURPOSES, DIA CARRIES NAME IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

5 April 1993

ON 8, 9 AND 11 JAN 93, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT FIVE (IE5) INTERVIEWED SIX WITNESSES IN PLEIKU CITY AND CHU PAH DISTRICT, GIA LAI PROVINCE, WHO PROVIDED INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CASE 0937. FIVE OF THE WITNESSES OFFERED LIMITED HEARSAY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE CAPTURE OF AN AMERICAN NEAR ROUTE 14 IN CHU PAH DISTRICT IN LATE 1967. TWO OF THESE WITNESSES GAVE A FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF TREATING AN INJURED AMERICAN PRISONER WHILE HE WAS HELD FOR ONE WEEK AT THEIR VILLAGE. THE VILLAGERS THEN HANDED THE PW OVER TO NVA FORCES FOR INTERNMENT. THE SIXTH WITNESS, A DOCTOR AT AN NVA B3 FRONT FIELD HOSPITAL IN CAMBODIA, CLAIMED TO KNOW THE AMERICAN PRISONER BY NAME AND LATER SAW HIS DEAD BODY AND GRAVE IN A CAMP NEAR THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA BORDER DURING THE 1967-68 TIME FRAME. HOWEVER, NONE OF THE WITNESSES WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY OTHER WITNESSES WITH FURTHER INFORMATION, NOR WERE THEY ABLE TO PRECISELY LOCATE THE PRISON CAMP WHERE THE AMERICAN DIED. (REF 5)

13 January 1994

BETWEEN 28 NOV AND 08 DEC 1993, A JOINT U.S.-CAMBODIAN TEAM INVESTIGATED CASE 0937. A FELLOW U.S. POW WAS HELD AT POW CAMP 102, ANDONG PEACH DISTRICT, RATANAKIRI PROVINCE, CAMBODIA. THE RETURNEE FURTHER STATED ON 27 SEPTEMBER 1968, HE HAD DIED OF MALNUTRITION AND MALARIA. THE RETURNEE OBSERVED THE BODY BEING TAKEN OUT FOR BURIAL NEAR THE CAMP. IN SEPTEMBER 1968, THE PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM LISTED THE AMERICAN AS DIED IN CAPTIVITY (DIC). ON 28 NOV 1993, INVESTIGATION ELEMENT ONE (IE1) CONDUCTED AN AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE REPORTED LOCATION FOR POW CAMPS 101, 102, AND THE V-211 FIELD HOSPITAL BETWEEN GRIDS YA4957, YA5357, YA5265, AND YA4965. DUE TO THE DENSE, TRIPLE CANOPY JUNGLE, IE1 COULD NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING ON THE GROUND. ON 29 NOV 1993, IE1 ATTEMPTED A CROSS COUNTRY MOVEMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTED LOCATION OF THE V211 FIELD HOSPITAL. ON 30 NOV 93, IE1 CUT A 2,800 METER TRAIL THROUGH DENSE JUNGLE VEGETATION FROM THE LZ AT YA500642 TO A FORWARD SECURITY POSITION, ESTABLISHED AT YA504617. ON 01 DEC 1993, IE1 AGAIN MOVED THE 4,300 METERS FROM THE LZ TO THE FORWARD SECURITY POSITION THEN CONTINUED FORWARD FROM YA504617 TO ATTEMPT TO REACH THE INVESTIGATION AREA IN THE YA5260 GRID SQUARE, THE REPORTED LOCATION OF THE V-211 FIELD HOSPITAL COMPLEX. ENROUTE, AT YA511610, IE1 ENCOUNTERED A DEEP RAVINE WITH 40 FOOT CLIFFS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RAVINE. IE1 DETERMINED THE ONLY FEASIBLE SOLUTION WAS TO ESTABLISH A NEW LZ CLOSER TO THE YA5260 GRID SQUARE. ON 08 DEC 1993, IE1 MOVED TO AND SEARCHED VIRTUALLY THE ENTIRE

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YA5260 GRID SQUARE SEARCHING FOR ANY SIGNS OF FORMER MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA. THROUGHOUT THE SEARCH, IE1 SAW NO INDICATION OF ABANDONED FIGHTING POSITIONS, REMNANTS OF BUILDINGS, OR POTENTIAL GRAVE SITES. THE AREA SHOWED NO SIGNS OF BOMBARDMENT NOR ANY INDICATION ANY MILITARY OPERATIONS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED. ON 11 DEC 1993, IE1 CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE. IE1 PHOTOGRAPHED BOTH AREAS AND CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE VISUAL SEARCH USING BINOCULARS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ANY EVIDENCE OF POSSIBLE POW CAMPS OR FIELD HOSPITALS. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF FIGHTING POSITIONS OR ABANDONED STRUCTURES WHICH MAY HAVE ONCE SERVED AS POW CAMPS OR FIELD HOSPITALS. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA, IE1 NEVER SAW ANY INDICATIONS OF A PRISON CAMP OR HOSPITAL COMPLEX, NOR ANY POTENTIAL GRAVE SITES. AT LEAST ONE REPORT (DTG 260739Z JAN 93, FROM USDAO BANGKOK TH//PW-MIA//) INDICATES THE V-211 HOSPITAL AND CAMPS 101 AND 102 WERE HEAVILY BOMBED. THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE AREA, IE1 NEVER SAW EVEN ONE BOMB CRATER. IE1 DID NOT FIND ANY INHABITANTS IN THE AREA AND NO WITNESSES WERE INTERVIEWED REFERENCING CASE 0937. (REF 10)

=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

28 September 1993

SRV DOCUMENT PROVIDED ON 18 APR 93, TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS THAT DIED IN THE SOUTH AFTER THEIR CAPTURE," PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0937-1-01. LINE ENTRY #20 PROBABLY CORRELATES BASED ON PARTIAL NAME, RANK, APPROXIMATE DATES OF INCIDENT AND DATE OF DEATH. (REF 6)

15 October 1993

ON 1 SEP 93, THE VIETNAMESE TURNED OVER BRIEF CASE ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH OF THE 27 DIED IN CAPTIVITY CASES. THE ASSESSMENTS WERE IN RESPONSE TO A U.S. PRESENTATION OF THE D.I.C. LIST AS A GUIDE FOR SPECIAL REMAINS TEAM INVESTIGATION. ONE OF THESE CASES WAS REFNO 0937, WHICH THE VIETNAMESE RECOMMENDED WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNTIL IT CAN BE RESOLVED. (REF 7)

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BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 5 JANUARY 1994

----- BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION -----

REFNO: 0945-1-01 (ACCNO 6155)	Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED	
Name: COOK, WILMER PAUL	Date Status assigned: 26 Sep 1989	
Nationality AMERICAN	Race CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit DATA
Service NAVY	Sex MALE	Blood type 0 #
Grade 04	Hair BROWN	Complexion #
SSAN DATA	Eyes BLUE	Weapon #
Serial No 603915	Height 70 in / 1.78 mtrs	Weapon No #
Birth date 1 Oct 1932	Weight 186 lb / 84.3 kg	Duty pos PILOT
Home State MARYLAND	Religion PROTESTANT	PW Camp \$

----- SITE INFORMATION -----

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	CRASH SITE	SECONDARY SITE
UTM:	48QWF906419	48QWF905419
Lat/Long:	182801N / 1055130E	182801N / 1055126E
Country:	NORTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	4	
Mission Province:	HA TINH	
(formerly):		
Mission District:	THACH HA	
Mission Date:	22 Dec 1967	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	None.	Near populated area.

----- JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY -----

Remains Repatriated: YES  
Folders Passed: Aug 87, Nov 85  
Vessey Case: NO  
Case type: DISCREPANCY  
Survivability: (1) Out of the aircraft at the time of the crash

----- VEHICLE DATA -----

Vehicle Type: A4E	Serial: 152071
Crash Type: Enemy action	Engine Type: J52
Call Sign: SADDLEBACK 506	1 Serial:
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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